



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRWP-2501-2026

Date of decision: 02.04.2026

Pooja Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present : Ms. Gaganpreet Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioners.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J.(ORAL)

1. Apprehending danger to their life and liberty, both the petitioners have filed the present petition with a prayer to direct the official respondents to protect their life and liberty from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 8 as they are living in live-in relationship.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners are major, petitioner No.1 is stated to be born on 01.01.1997. Date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 29.11.2000. Copies of their Aadhar Cards have been annexed as Annexures P-1 and P-2.

It is further submitted that both the petitioners are known to each other for the last six months and have developed an emotional bond with each other and have started living together, i.e. they are in live-in relationship.

3. Insofar as the present petition is concerned, learned counsel for the petitioners limits his prayer to direct the official respondents to decide representation dated 02.03.2026 annexed as Annexure P-3 moved by petitioners.

4. Notice of motion.



5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents-State and has no objection in deciding the representation filed on behalf of the petitioners.

6. Without commenting upon the merits of the case and in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated 02.03.2026 (Annexure P-3) within a period of two weeks. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken at the earliest, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

7. However, this direction will not validate the live-in status between the petitioners and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which would be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

02.04.2026
Hemant

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No